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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH CHANCELLOR BRANDT --
CARIBBEAN AND DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS

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1. WE WERE SURPRISED TO NOTE IN PARAGRAPH 3 REFTTEL THAT PRIME MINISTER HEATH HAS CONVEYED TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US " SEEMED ANXIOUS THAT BRITISH INFLUENCE BE MAINTAINED IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA INCLUDING PREFERENTIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS." FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN CAMPAIGNING WITH SOME SUCCESS AGAINST THE DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS THAT THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING IN THE CARIBBEAN TO THE BENEFIT OF THIRD COUNTRIES AND AT OUR EXPENSE. IN OCTOBER 1972 WE RAISED A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE MATTER OFFICIALLY IN GATT DESPITE THE PROTESTATIONS OF THE BRITISH THAT THESE PREFERENTIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS ARE IMPTRTANT TO THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. THUS, WE
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FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE BRITISH WHO OF ALL PEOPLE -- COULD RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WANT SUCH RELATIONSHIPS PRESERVED.

2. SIMILARLY, WE BELIEVE BRITISH WELL AWARE THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WE WISH TO SEE DAQS PHASED OUT BY 1975 IS THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE THEM FOLDED INTO A LONG TERM ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC.

3. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BRANDT MISUNDERSTOOD OR MISINTERPRETED HEATH- S REMARKS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW THIS TOPIC AROSE DURING HEATH' S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, IF THERE IS ANY BASIS FOR SUCH AN INTER- PRETATION OF THE US POSITION IN THE RECENT VISIT OF HEATH. ANNENBERG

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